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Hongkong, March 27, 1876. mc31

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ARRIVALS.

March 26, China, from Canton.

March 26, Pallas, German barque, 421, D. Ballohr, Foochow Mar. 22, Ballast—Siamak & Co.

March 26, Mongolia, Brit. steamer, 1684.

A. Coleman, Bombay Mar. 7, Galle 12,

Penang 17, and Singapore 20, Mails and General—P. O. S. N. Co.

March 26, Montego, British barque, 316,

Jas. Griffith, Bangkok Jan. 11, Rice and Teakwood.—EDWARD SCHELLHAS & Co.

March 27, Candia, British steamer, 1842,

Thompson, Glasgow Jan. 15, London Feb. 7, via ports of call, and Singapore Mar. 22,

General—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

March 27, Remondia, British steamer, 395,

D. Theobald, Manila Mar. 24, General—

A. MAGG, HEATON.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 26, Yesso, for Swatow, &c.

26 Tonan, for Yokohama.

26 Chen-ti, for a cruise.

27 Wodan, for Saigon.

27 Neworth Castle, for Keelung.

27 China, for Shanghai.

27 Sunda, for Yokohama.

27 Gunge, for Manila.

Cleared.

Asia, for Saigon.

Tone, for Whampoa.

Rangoon, for Saigon.

Norfolk, for Halifax.

Hermann, for Manila.

Siamak, for Amoy.

PASSENGERS.

General Memoranda.

ARRIVED.—Per Mongolia, for Hongkong: from Southampton, Asst. Compt. Horas, Sergeant Major Merkit, Sergt. Thompson, Lieut. G. T. Mann, Comdr. Douglas, R.N., Messrs. Rustonjee and W. Smith; from Venice, Baron de Ledan, and Mr. A. Klef-cher; from Bombay, Col. Wilkinson; from Penang, Lieut. Rich, and servant, and 20 Chinese; from Singapore, Mr. Middleton, and 73 Chinese. For Shanghai: from Southampton, Mrs. Stevens; from Venice, Mr. Sayle; from Brindisi, Mr. P. O. Evans; from Suez, Mr. and Mrs. Tatarinoff, two children and nurse. For Yokohama: from Southampton, Hon. G. Cole and Dr. Willis.

Per Esmeralda, from Manila, Mr. and Mrs. G. Buchanan, Mrs. Lutz, Messrs. Grant, French and Lukens, and 164 Chinese. Per Candia, 135 Chinese.

DEPARTED.—Per Yesso, for Swatow, Mr. Jeramiatzor; for Amoy, Mr. and Mrs. A. Nunes; for Foochow, Mr. Blackmore.

Per Sunda, for Yokohama. The Marquis of Kildare, Hon. A. Cole, Dr. Willis, Captains Saunders, and Alderton, Mr. Hart, Mr. Achong, and one deck.

Per Gunge, for Manila, Mr. N. A. Parker and family, 2 European deck and 525 Chinese.

To DEPART.—Per Asia, 40 Chinese.

Per Norma, 10 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German bark Pallas reports: on the 24th and 25th experienced heavy thunderstorms and very boisterous weather, latterly moderate weather.

The British barque Montego reports: variable winds from Gilolo to Pulo Island, hence to port strong monsoon.

The British steamer Esmeralda reports: fine weather and light Southerly winds throughout.

The British steamer Candia reports: generally fine weather throughout the passage.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE:

For AMOV.—Per ESMERALDA, at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 28th Inst.

For SINGAPORE AND PENANG.—Per FLAMINGO, at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 28th Instant.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—Per KWANTUNG, at 5 p.m. Tomorrow, the 28th Inst.

For MANILA.—Per Ship HERMANV, at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, the 30th Inst.

For BANGKOK.—Per RADJANATTIANUHAR, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, the 3rd Inst.

For HONOLULU.—Per Barque COLOMBO, at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 4th April.

For YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO.—Per QUANGSE, at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 12th April.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet TEHERAN, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 30th Instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 29th Instant.

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 30th Instant.

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters, Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted on payment of a LATE FEE of 18 cents to extra Postage until

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore may be posted on board the Packet on payment of a Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage.

11.50 a.m., Posting on Board ceases.

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, March 16, 1876. mc30

TO ADVERTISERS.

It is requested that all advertisements be sent, when practicable, by 4 p.m., to allow of the early issue of the paper.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.40 p.m.

BIRTH.

On the 1st February, at 3, Hollies-street, Cavendish-square, the Wife of L. Vrard, merchant, of Shanghai and Tsingtau, China, of a Son.

MEMOS FOR TOMORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Mongolia leaves for Shanghai.

10 a.m.—Esmeralda leaves for Amoy.

Edmond Gressier leaves for Takao (direct) on this date.

Auctions.

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at No. 15, Staunton street.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1876.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT FOR 1875.

Should the Postmaster-General of Hongkong desire, at any future time, to change his occupation, we should advise him to take to the production of light literature as a profession. The mind which can make an official report on postal affairs light and entertaining reading matter for the public is surely capable of some achievements in the field in which Charles Dickens ought with so much success. So uninteresting and heavy are official reports in a general way that few, beyond interested persons, even take the trouble to wade through them, and thus they lose more than half their value. But this report from our worthy Postmaster-General, addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore may be posted on board the Packet on payment of a Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 5th April.

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 6th April.

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom or to Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, March 27, 1876. mc30

& Co., The China Submarine Telegraph Co., Mr. E. L. Woodin, the Captain Superintendent of Police, Consul Medhurst and His Excellency Sir Harry Parkes, for services rendered in various ways to the Office.

It is satisfactory to read that most branches of the postal business show a slight increase in comparison with 1874, and that indications of other kinds are not wanting that trade has revived during the last year. The gross revenue of the Department, however, is less than that for 1874 by £400, for the reason, among others, that many matters of detail have been arranged during the year on a footing of greater efficiency but also to involve greater expense. The low rates of exchange prevailing have also told against the revenue. While dealing with the subjects of revenue and expenditure might suggest to Mr. Lister the advantage of publishing among the returns a general debit and credit statement.

His remarks as to how the revenue has fallen off while the business has increased would be all the clearer if this were done, and it would not be amiss were the imperial and local shares of the revenue also noted.

The revenue of the Department was at its highest in 1872, and the next best year was 1865. To illustrate the fluctuations in the revenue during the past thirteen years, Mr. Lister then favours us in the report with a diagram which certainly sets these fluctuations before one in a clear and striking manner.

The report goes on to state that it can scarcely be doubted that the present year will be marked by a further, and perhaps a considerable decrease of revenue.

The great simplification of postal rates to the Continent, lately effected, have cut down the profit left to this Colony on the collection and forwarding of Continental correspondence to a very small percentage.

suggestion of establishing a mint in China, and on the abolition of torture in China. The *Universal Circulating Herald* inserts a paragraph urging on people to subscribe money to aid the City Hall Museum.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The American Mail steamer *Belgic*, came round from Aberdeen this afternoon.

The Eastern Extension Co.'s Cable is again interrupted between Penang and Madras.

We note that the *Mongolia* takes on the French Mail, in addition to her own, to Shanghai.

The Chinese Revenue Cruiser *An Lan*, Captain J. Godsil, arrived here yesterday, about 9 a.m., and left again about an hour later.

The latest Mail advices at Home from China and Japan on the 18th February, were:—Yokohama January 4, Shanghai 7, Foochow 9, Hongkong 13, Manila 6, Singapore 21, Galle 27.

The maximum temperature at the Peak during the past week, as recorded in Saturday's *Gazette*, was 66.0, the minimum 52.0; at the Harbour-Master's Office, Praya West, the maximum was 71.5, the minimum 59.0. 2.67 inches rain fell during the week.

A Canton Correspondent, under date of 26th instant, writes that Sir Brooke Robertson had left for H. M. S. *Egria*, with a full staff, for Kiung-how, to establish the Consulate effectively—leaving Dr. H. F. Hance in charge of the Consulate at Canton.

A DARING burglary, accompanied with serious wounding, occurred yesterday at Tockwa-wan, British Kowloon. A man was shot in the stomach and is now lying in a precarious state. No arrests have been made, and pending police enquiries it would be unwise to give particulars.

At the Marine Court to-day Johanna Christian Müller and Christian Frederick Lemke firemen belonging to the German steamer *Altana*, were charged by the Chief Engineer with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. They admitted the charge of drunkenness and were fined \$100 each or two days' imprisonment.

A BOAT belonging to one of the Russian men-of-war in harbour was capsized a few days ago near Green Island during a heavy squall, and all the occupants of the boat were rescued by a Chinese stone junk, except one who was drowned. We now learn that the body has been recovered. The junk master acted very creditably, and deserves some tangible recognition of his services.

The American House of Representatives has passed the "Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation Bill." By this measure the salaries of the chief officials in the Far East are fixed as follows:—Minister to China and Japan each \$10,000, Secretary of Legation in China \$4,000, Consuls-General at Shanghai \$4,000, and at Yokohama \$3,500. We have already shown that the United States have missed a favourable opportunity of raising the scale of these services.

The following telegrams were published in the *Daily Press* of this morning:—

Shanghai, March 24.—The German Minister has renounced the German Treaty with China.

Mr. Tsung-li Yamen has instructed the Authorities at Shanghai to allow the Woo-sung Railway to proceed unmolested.

London, March 24.—The Queen's Title Bill has been read for the third time. In a long maintained debate, Mr. Disraeli dwelt upon the political reasons for the step, especially the advance of Russia towards the Indian frontier and the conquest of Tartary. It is well known that in India the title of Empress would be regarded as an unmistakable sign of our resolution to maintain the Empire. Mr. Lowe and Mr. Peto strongly censured the designs of Russia as cautious and unwise.

Major-General Colborne has been gazetted Knight Commander of the Bath, and Captain Butler Companion of the Bath.

(*London and China Express*.)

The Hamburg Correspondent says:—As soon as the Second Chamber assembles the members will deal with the new Sugar Convention. You will remember that the section-report upon the Bill was most unfavourable, but I think it very improbable that the Convention will be rejected, the more so since it has been carried by the Belgian Parliament.

The Reinforcement of the China Fleet taken in connection with the telegram from Berlin, which makes such a funny declaration as to the policy and intentions of the Treaty Powers with respect to the case of the *Tzine*, it is evident that there is something behind which the official world desire to disguise, if by any means that can be done. There is "something behind," we feel quite sure, but what that "something" is we can only conjecture. This is just one of those cases where the Government have objects in view which it might possibly be very wrong to make public at present, and which are founded on timely and secret information supplied to them through their two official agents.

Rear-Admiral John Bourmaster Dickson C.B., died on the 11th instant, aged sixty years. He was fifth son of Rear-Admiral Sir Archibald Collingwood Dickson, and brother of the late Sir William Dickson, and of the present baronet, Sir Alexander Collingwood Dickson, and was half prep-

sumptive to the baronetcy. He passed his examination in 1834, and obtained a lieutenancy in October, 1839, in the *Mersey*, 72, Capt. Hon. Richard S. Dundas, under whom he served throughout a portion of the war in China, and was at the capture of the forts of the Boca Tigris and operations against Canton, and at the taking of Chusan in 1841.

Vice-Admiral Louis S. Tindal (Retired List) died on the 4th inst., at Brighton, in his 63d year. This officer entered the Navy in Feb., 1826, and obtained his first commission in Dec., 1832. After serving under Capt. Hon. H. Rouse in the *Pique*, and in the *Velvet* Capt. W. Jones, he was appointed to the *Caliope*, in which latter ship, as Lieutenant, he took part in the attack upon Chuen-pen, at the taking of the Bogue fort, at the storming of the enemy's works close to Whampoa Reach, and at the capture of the last fort protecting the approaches to Canton, and in the other operations against that city. As a reward for his services on that occasion he was made a commander.

We learn that Mr. Ross Johnson, a member of the Legislative Assembly at Port Elizabeth, who was for some years practising at the Yokohama Bar, is at present in London making arrangements for carrying out a plan of emigration of Chinese labourers to the Cape. It was stated that he had proceeded to China, but we understand that he intends appointing an agent to carry out the project.

Another fire occurred in the province of Pan-panga, which reduced to ashes about 100 houses, including a church and a convent. The American barge *Molis*, which left Hongkong on the 4th March, for Manila, struck on the shoal Palanig, on the coast of Zamboas.

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the reception of the victorious troops engaged in the campaign.

The *Diario*, commenting upon an article of the *Independent de Saigon* in favour of the Soo-loo expedition, says one of the Hongkong papers stands alone in its opposition to the Spanish doings at Soo-loo.

The following are the results of the Manila races:—

First day.—*Turco*, Premio de Santamaria; *Paris*, Copia de Velocidad; *Avion*, La Copia de los Novatos; *Tan-Pengo*, La Copia internacional; *Pandan*, La Copia de Manila; *Negrito*, La Copia de Filipinas.

Second day.—*Carabero*, El premio de Resistencia; *Tan-Pengo*, La Copia Cosmopolitana; *Pandan*, La Copia Disputada; *Estudiante*, La Copia de los Socios; *Negrito*, El premio de la Pampanga.

Third day.—*Tan-Pengo*, La Copia de Fo-rrasteras; *Avion*, La Copia de Luzon; *Avion*, La Copia Celestial; *Pandan*, La Copia de Prueba; *La Mar*, El premio del Consuelo.

Great demonstrations have been also shown on the arrival of the news of the peaceful termination of the civil war in the mother country.

An extraordinarily muscular Indian has made his appearance and exhibited several feats of his strength, such as bending a rod of iron 2 inches in diameter, and breaking a rope of the same thickness.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council took place this afternoon (27th). There were present:—

His Excellency Sir Arthur Kennedy,

The Chief Justice, Sir John Smale,

The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. J. G. Austin,

The Attorney General, the Hon. John Bramston,

The Acting Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. O. May,

The Hon. P. Ryrie,

The Hon. H. Lowcock.

The Hon. W. Keswick.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

CHINESE PASSENGER SHIPS' ORDINANCE.

His Excellency said the first business to be transacted was the second reading of the ordinance to amend the law relating to Chinese passenger ships and the conveyance of Chinese emigrants.

He had no doubt the draft ordinance had been carefully read by the members of the Council, and he proposed, if met their views, that on this occasion, after carefully reading and considering the bill, they should suspend the Standing Orders, for the purpose of reading it a third time and passing it. He might state that his object in offering this suggestion was that it might cost more to have an additional signature made.

The extra sum of a dollar or two would be something to the emigrant, and he understood that a fee was charged for a signature on the contract.

The Hon. Mr. Austin remarked that it would not entail any additional cost. They had only to say that the contracts should be in duplicate or triplicate.

A new Section was then drafted, providing that the Government copy be lodged with the Emigration Officer.

The consideration of other sections was then proceeded with.

Upon section 5.

The Hon. W. Keswick suggested that the words "first class" instead of "first cabin" should be introduced.

The suggestion was adopted, and the other sections in the Bill having been passed.

His Excellency moved the suspension of the Standing Orders, and that the Bill be read a third time.

This motion being agreed to, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS.

The Bill for vesting the Registrar-General of his judicial functions was read a second time, and passed through Committee.

His Excellency said that to save time and the necessity for another meeting of the Council he would move that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to be read a third time.

The motion having been agreed to, the Bill was accordingly read a third time and passed.

THE CHINESE TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY.

His Excellency said he had now to propose the first reading of a Bill to authorise the China Traders' Insurance Company to subdivide its shares.

The clerk read the Bill as follows:—

Whereas "The China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited" is a Public Company incorporated and limited by shares under the provisions of the "The Companies' Ordinance, 1883," and whereas the Memorandum of Association of the said Company provides that the Capital of the Company is one million of dollars divided into two hundred shares of five thousand dollars each, and whereas the whole of the said shares have been issued and the sum of fifteen hundred dollars has been paid up on each share, and whereas the said Company has good until the license was cancelled or revoked.

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The Attorney General proposed that there should be a uniform fee for all, as might be decided by the Governor.

His Excellency said he would propose that \$10 should be the amount for the license which should hold good until cancelled.

Discussion then turned on the duration of the license.

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A member asked if every mail steamer was bound to have a license.

His Excellency replied in the affirmative.

Every mail steamer came under the provisions of this ordinance.

The Hon. P. Ryrie quite approved of a general license without a limit of duration being specified.

After some further consideration it was decided that the license should be for an unspecified period and the fee at \$5.

Section 4 next formed the subject of discussion.

It authorizes the Governor to begin negotiations and contracts to be engaged

for persons in British possessions. His Excellency said it required the careful consideration of the Council, and the Hon. the Attorney General might have some remarks to make.

The Hon. the Attorney General said the object of this section was set out in the statement of objects and reasons. Some time last year, Chinese servants were wanted in the Australian Colonies, but as the Chinese would not go except under contracts and as they could only be carried down by mail steamers, which were prohibited from carrying emigrants who were under contract, this section proposed to meet the object in view. Such a want was not confined to Australia or to other British possessions, and such a want had already occurred in the Cape Colony. To provide against any danger, the person engaging must furnish the Governor with the number of the men he wanted and the name of the master for whom he was engaging.

The Hon. H. Lowcock asked if the name of the steamer in which the men were to go had to be stated in the application.

The Attorney General replied in the negative.

The Hon. P. Ryrie called attention to the fact of artisans such as carpenters, &c., being required at times and suggested the addition of the word artisan.

This was agreed to.

The Chief Justice quite acceded to the importance of the law, but he would propose one condition to be added, viz., that an original copy of the contract should be deposited with the Colonial Secretary, so that the emigrant could sue for any breach of the same. When an emigrant was once out of the Colony, he was without protection, and the Chief Justice thought such a clause should be added to give him protection.

The Governor pointed out that this ordinance applied to emigration to British possessions alone.

The Chief Justice said that the moment the emigrant was out of the Colony, he was without protection.

The Hon. P. Ryrie observed that the first was as eager to keep the contract as the hired, otherwise the emigrant could not have been imported.

The Chief Justice said that his suggestion would be more for the protection of the master than for the servant, but he thought that protection was necessary. He quite agreed with the principle that there should be Chinese emigration.

The Governor asked if he was to understand that there should be one copy of the contract left with the Government.

The Hon. the Attorney General said there would be no difficulty in meeting the proposal.

The Hon. Mr. Austin said what he understood from the Chief Justice's remark was that the contract should be in triplicate, one kept by the emigrant, one by the master and one lodged with the Government.

His Excellency said the Attorney General could draft a new Section embodying the suggestion of the Chief Justice.

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